

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, *ex rel.*  
State Engineer

Plaintiff,

vs.

ROMAN ARAGON, *et al.*,

Defendants.

69cv07941-MV/KK

RIO CHAMA STREAM SYSTEM

Section 7: Cañones Creek

**MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT**  
**AGAINST UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST**  
**IN THE CAÑONES CREEK SUBSECTION**  
**OF SECTION 7 OF THE RIO CHAMA STREAM SYSTEM**

Plaintiff State of New Mexico *ex rel.* State Engineer (“State”) hereby moves the Court to enter the attached Order granting default judgment against the following defendants:

UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST TO SURFACE WATERS FOR  
IRRIGATION PURPOSES IN THE CAÑONES CREEK SUBSECTION OF  
SECTION 7 OF THE RIO CHAMA STREAM SYSTEM.

The State offers the following grounds for the motion:

1. Under the procedural order that governs the adjudication of water rights claims in the Cañones Creek Subsection of the Rio Chama Stream System (“Cañones Creek Subsection”), individuals who claim surface water irrigation rights that were not included in the State’s Hydrographic Survey (unidentified and unknown claimants) were required to file a Statement of Omitted Claim with the Court no later than December 31, 2003. *Procedural Order for the Adjudication of Water Rights Claims in Section 7 of the Rio Chama Stream System*, filed November 19, 2002 (Doc. 6939), ¶ II (C)(4).

2. The Court has jurisdiction over Unknown Claimants of Interest to surface water used for irrigation purposes in the Cañones Creek Subsection as shown by the *Proof of Publication of Notice of Pendency of Suit* filed March 5, 2005 (Doc. 7782).

3. The defendants named above are in default for failure to appear, answer, or otherwise defend in this cause, as shown by the *Clerk's Certificate of Default* filed September 29, 2005 (Doc. 8022).

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff State of New Mexico requests the Court to enter its Order granting judgment by default against Unknown Claimants of Interest to surface water used for irrigation purposes in the Cañones Creek Subsection, and forever bar the assertion of additional claims in these proceedings by Unknown Claimants of Interest to the use of surface water for irrigation purposes in the Cañones Creek Subsection of Section 7 of the Rio Chama Stream System.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017 I filed the foregoing electronically through the CM/ECF system which caused the parties on the electronic service list, as more fully set forth in the Notice of Electronic Filing, to be served via electronic mail.

/s/ Felicity Strachan  
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